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In re Patent Application of: )  
Gary L. Martin )  
Serial No. 09/801,512 )  
Filing Date: March 7, 2001 )  
For: Continuous Soffit Panel )  
And Associated Methods )

Examiner: Jeanette E. Chapman

Art Unit: 3635

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 12, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner please clarify the following issue.

Our response filed on 2/17/03 was deemed not fully responsive because it did not include **a clean copy of the claims**.

However, Applicant believes that the new procedure promulgated by the PTO for amendments, specifically states that *no clean copy is required for claim amendments*. The new procedure requires markings for currently amended claims, and clean text for other claims. In addition, a complete listing of the claims is required, with each claim having a status identifier, whether the claim is currently amended or not.

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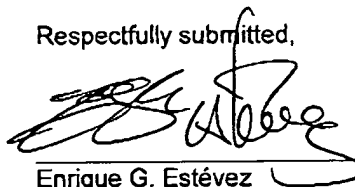
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Applicant refers the Examiner to the following site, where directions are found for drafting amendments in this new format. The site is accessible through the "News & Notices" section on the USPTO main web page. Please see Section III, A., 2, which states: "No separate 'clean' version should be submitted for currently amended claims, as this requirement has been eliminated."

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/revamdtprac.htm>

If Applicant has misinterpreted the instructions, the Examiner's clarification would be appreciated, as it was Applicant's intent to submit an amendment and response which fully meets current requirements.

Respectfully submitted,



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